



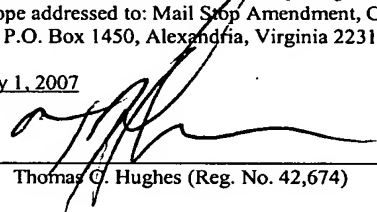
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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

SIR:

In response to the Office Action of February 1, 2007, transmitted herewith is an Amendment for filing in the above-identified application.

Applicants believe that no fees are due. However, if any fees are due, the Commissioner is authorized, as appropriate and/or necessary, to charge any such fees or credit any overpayment to Kenyon & Kenyon LLP Deposit Account No. 11-0600. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is enclosed for that purpose.

Respectfully Submitted
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S I R:

In response to the Office Action dated February 1, 2007, please amend the above-captioned application without prejudice as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.

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